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**WATERFRONT NEWS AND
GOSSIP.**

A case of small-pox was reported on the
British steamer Gregory Apsar, which
arrived at Yekchama on Oct. 6, the patient
being an Indian fireman.

A new turbine steamer, Chioy Mara, a
sister ship to the Tenyo Mara, has under-
gone her preliminary steam trials at Nag-
asaki. She presented a very smart appear-
ance, being nearly ready for service. Her
trials proved highly satisfactory. The con-
tract speed is 16 knots.

The Eastern and Australian Steamship
Co.'s liner Eastern, which left Sydney on
the 28th ult., for Manila, Hongkong and
Japan ports is expected to arrive in port
some time this evening.

For the last and only time, at least I
suppose, the old mat-sled on Blake Pier
has been demolished. Gradually, day by
day, it has been removed in small portions,
until this morning the last was seen to
come down, so as to enable the workmen
engaged on the new iron structure to
proceed apace.

As for the poor old mat-sled. It served
its purpose well and most certainly, as a
once familiar sight will be missed; and
even though it was put up so many times,
only to be blown down as many times
again. But, when completed, how long is
its successor to remain in place and how
will it face the dreaded typhoon? Time
will prove.

Peace and tranquillity again reigns su-
preme over the once turbulent waters of
the harbour. This had a great effect to-day,
for practically since daylight, steamers,
both large and small, have been slowly
moving out of the harbour after having
been weather-bound, some for several days.
I counted about twelve or fourteen that
left to-day.

The British steamer Hopsang, Captain
Hay, arrived in the harbour this morning
from Sumbay and Samsang, which place
she left on the 4th inst. From Pedro Point
to Pratas Shoals, the vessel experienced
very dirty weather with a heavy north-
westerly swell. The Hopsang, which got
in at about half-past six, had a cargo of
about three thousand tons of general
merchandise.

Having left Hilo on the 13th inst. the
British steamer Kailong, Captain Machin,
arrived in harbour at daylight this morn-
ing, after having had a good run up. The
vessel brought several Chinese passengers
and a heavy cargo of merchandise.

I hear on very good authority that the
Kailong did not fare so well on the round
trip as what she did on the way up. Dur-
ing the round voyage, I understand, that
she felt the effect of no less than five
typhoons, while she ran right into the
centre of another. The anxiety of the
sunder steamers that ply between here
and the southern ports have more than
once, during the past week or two, run into
three or four typhoons on the round trip.
They have all managed to escape, however,
with little or no damage.

The British steamer Robin left port
at about four o'clock for Manila with mails
and a large number of passengers. It was
at first expected that the vessel would lay
over Sunday, but this was cancelled and
the vessel proceeded as stated—to fetch
back to the Colony another typhoon, say-
ing some of the practical jokers, and there are
many, very many, to be met along the
water front.

On Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock,
the Austrian Lloyd Steam Navigation
Co.'s steamer China arrived at the Kowloon
wharf from Trieste via Bombay and Singa-
pore. The vessel brought one cabin
passenger and three hundred Chinese from
the latter port and Singapore, and about
three thousand tons of cargo from Europe.
The China experienced a very heavy swell
from the Paracels to Hongkong. She
expects to leave here for Japan ports on
Tuesday via Shanghai.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's freighter
Kagoshima Maru, arrived alongside Kow-
loon wharf at half-past seven on Friday
morning, having left Bombay on the 26th
ult. for this port via Colombo and Singa-
pore. The vessel has a general cargo of
about four thousand five hundred tons,
comprising mostly cotton and cotton yarn.
For this port the Kagoshima Maru brought
one thousand one hundred tons of cargo,
comprising mostly cotton yarn and cotton.
The freighter met with strong gales and a
heavy swell on the 26th, similar weather
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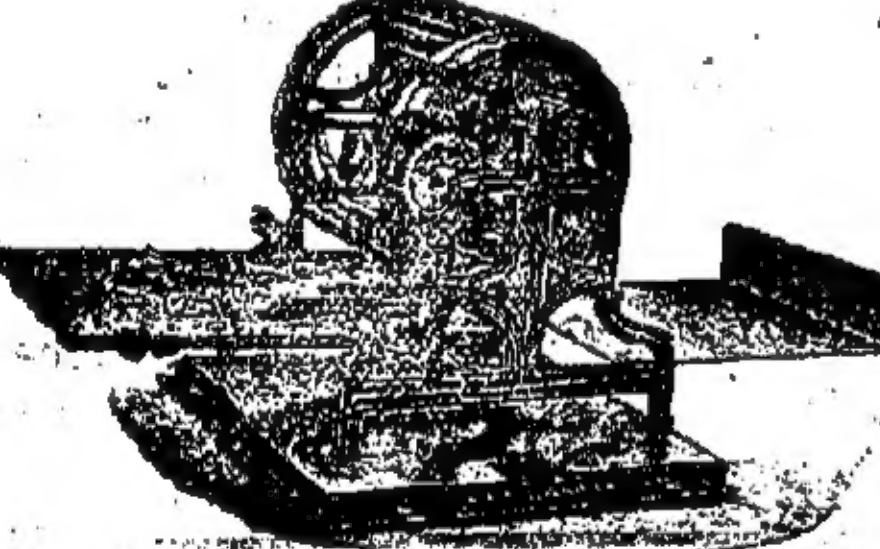
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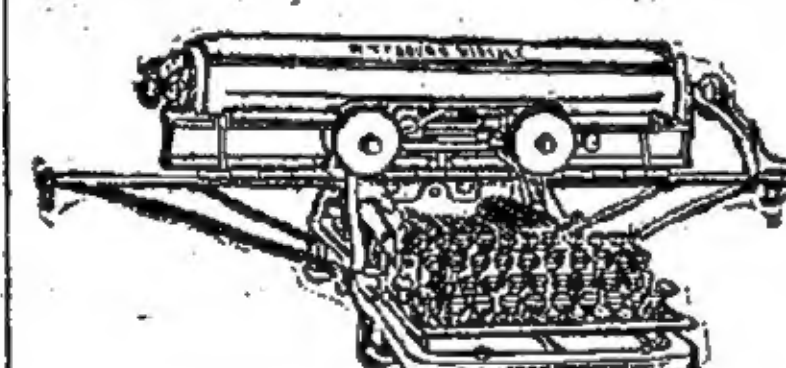
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44 Yards (one length) Handicap.—Final heat: E. E. Muriel, H. and S.B.C., 2 sec. start; 1. F. M. D. Courtney, I.B.C., 5 sec.; 2. W. H. Smith, N.B.I., 4 sec.; 3. Won by a half a yard, twice as much separating second and third. Time, 39 sec.

Diving (one dive from each board).—E. G. Scott-Brown, C.B.I., 1; H. C. Marshall, H. and S.B.C., 2.

44 Yards (one length) Veterans Handicap.—R. M. Roe, I.B.C., scratch; 1. K. F. Gordon, H. and S.B.C., 6 sec.; 2. Won by three yards; a yard between second and third. Time, 12.25 sec.

88 Yards (two lengths) Race (championship of Eastern Banks).—A. J. Scott, H. and S.B.C., 1; S. Noble, I.B.C., 2. Scott went away from the start and won by eight yards. Time, 1 min. 8.45 sec.

176 Yards (four lengths) Invitation Team Race (open to other banks). Teams of four (each man swimming one length).—Heat 1: Union of London: J. Embell, J. S. Elliott, E. F. Chipperfield, and E. L. Mason, 1; Comptoir National: J. Dadds, G. Kalba, G. Birchall, and H. Orchard, 2. Won by three yards. Time 1 min. 59 sec.

Heat 2: London and County: R. C. Baxter, E. Jones, E. T. Simons, and H. Marks, 1; National Provincial: A. L. Chalk, H. W. Little, G. Morgan, and M. A. Payner, 2. Won by a couple of yards. Time, 2 min. 8 sec. Final heat: Union of London, 1; Comptoir National, 2; London and County, 3. Won by a couple of yards; half as much separated the second and third. Time, 1 min. 58.15 sec.

176 Yards (four lengths) Team Race for the "Eastern Banks' Challenge Cup" (teams of four, each man swimming one length).—Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China; and China: E. Dickie, B. C. Wyatt, E. G. Scott-Brown, and J. C. F. Wilson, 1; Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (holders): E. H. Gordon, H. K. Muriel, H. C. Marshall, and A. J. Scott, 2; International Banking Corporation, 3; Mercantile Bank of India, 4; National Bank of India, 5. A good race was won by two yards; less than that distance separated the second and third. No time was taken.

44 Yards (one length) Messengers' Handicap. Final heat: A. E. Giles, C.B.I., 1 sec. start; 1. W. B. Taylor, I.B.C., 1 sec.; 2. Won by a yard and a half. Time, 40 sec. Limit, 50 sec.

Two Widths Blindfold Race (breast stroke).—Final heat: A. Cross, N.B.I., 1; W. Bryant, C.B.I., 2.

Cockfighting.—R. Kennedy, M.B.I., 1; R. S. Bull, C.B.I., 2.

Egg-and-Spoon Race.—Final: E. J. Baumgartner, H. and S.B.C., 1; L. H. Hitchcock, H. and S.B.C., 2.

Three-Legged Race (30 yards).—Final heat: H. Bates and E. H. Gordon, H. and S.B.C., 1; L. H. Hitchcock and E. A. Shaw, H. and S.B.C., 2.

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Intimations.

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It is hereby notified that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On MONDAY, the 19th October:—From Pak-sho-wan in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 a.m., and finishing at 9 p.m.

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On THURSDAY, the 22nd October:—From Eastern Entrance in a North-Easterly and Southerly directions, at ranges up to 14,000 yards, commencing at 4 a.m., and finishing at 9 p.m.

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General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, October 20.—

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THURSDAY, October 22.—

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FRIDAY, October 23.—

Noon—Meeting of Canton Insurance
Office, Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson
& Co.'s Office.Goods per *Singapore* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.Goods per *China* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, October 27.—

Noon—Meeting of The Dairy Farm Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office.2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at No. 1, Gomes Villas,
Kowloon.

WEDNESDAY, October 28.—

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,
at Messrs Hughes & Hughes's Sales
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The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1908.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Mr. Winston Churchill has the happy
faculty of always keeping well within
the rays of the limelight, to use a popu-
lar phrase of the moment. He de-
lights in the spectacular and his marriage
the other day to Miss Hozier lost nothing
from that point of view. It was splen-
dently advertised and well stage-managed,
as nearly everything connected with
Winston Churchill's career has been,
for after the daily papers had surfeited
their readers with "almost page long
accounts of the bride's trousseau, more
particularly that portion of it which the
French discreetly group under the head-
ing of *lingerie*, they took great pains to
describe the different country-houses and
places where the honey-moon is to be
spent: all of which must have been very
gratifying to the "hero of Dundee." But
whatever our aversion may be to Mr.
Churchill's political manoeuvring and
to his public manners, there is no gain-
saying the fact that he is a power
to be reckoned with in the politics of
the hour. Some people are of opinion
that he will go so far as to be one day
Prime Minister of England, that is, if
he is not beaten at the post by Mr. Lloyd
George, his only rival in the affections
of the proletariat. His versatility is
extraordinary. Already he has filled the
roles of soldier, journalist, war-corres-
pondent, author, lecturer and politician.
Will he develop into a statesman? Time
alone will tell. In this connection

a highly appreciative article appears in

M.A.P. from the pen of Mr. T. P.

O'Connor, dealing with the subject of

Mr. Churchill's career, and its future

possibilities, which, coming from the

source it does, deserves more than pass-
ing attention. Mr. O'Connor writes:—
"What are the qualities which mark
out this young man from his fellows
and how far are his qualities the same
as those of his father? I have no
hesitation in saying with regard to the
latter point that the son is, if not an
alter, certainly a better-equipped
public man than the father. Lord
Randolph Churchill developed extra-
ordinary talents when he took to
politics seriously, and his great and
almost miraculous memory, his in-
dustry, and his quickness compensated
for the years he had wasted in his
boyhood and early youth. But he did
neglect his education in his early years.
His son's record proves this fact in his
father's life with its annals of college
escapades, racing adventures, and its
truly British devotion to bulldogs and
rural amusements, not in the least
discreditable, but not instructive in
the arts of government. I have
already alluded to the very different
training which the son got—on the
battlefields, in camps, in newspaper
offices, in the writing of books, on the
lecture platform. There is also this
momentous difference—that politics, ex-
cept for a brief interval, in his
whole career was never to Randolph
Churchill the entirely engrossing
pursuit and interest it has been
to his son. People forget how fitful
and how brief was the political ac-
tivity of Lord Randolph Churchill.
He did so much in so short a time that
it is not realised how short the time
was. Before he entered politics, Lord
Randolph spent his time amusing
himself, and, after his breakdown, he
resumed for a while the racing pursuits
which had delighted his early years.
Winston Churchill has been engaged
in nothing but serious occupations
during all his still small tale of years. I
also think that Winston is a better
speaker than his father. This is
partly due to the better education which
he has had. His father's speeches,
with all their frequent power, were
unequal, and often they showed strag-
gle of literary taste. The son, with
the long and excellent training, he gave
himself with his pen, delivers speeches
far more finished than anything I ever
heard from his father. Winston
Churchill did not, of course, acquire his
present perfect ease of delivery for some
time after he had entered the House of
Commons. No man speaks with perfect
ease there unless he is kept in constant
practice by the necessities of his
situation. And by being placed in the
very forefront of the fighting line for
two years on the question of Chinese
labour, Winston Churchill got again
that schooling which was most adapted
to cultivate, enlarge, and perfect his
powers. In one great quality, however,
father and son are extraordinarily alike.
Both have the same instinct for the
broad and daring appeal to the
democracy. In the good sense of the
word both are demagogues—by which
I mean both have the power to fix on
great central simple issues—both have
the power to put these issues in the
most picturesque and taking form—both
have the instinct of political genius
to realise what the people are
thinking about, what they want,
how their hearts and minds are
to be reached. For such a gift
there is as much need for a bold and
audacious temperament as there is for
high intellectual and oratorical powers.
And the temperament of Winston
Churchill is essentially bold and auda-
cious. His comrades who were with
him in warfare, speak with great ad-
miration of his cool courage in hours of
peril. The quality which tells most on
the battlefield of war tells almost as
forcibly on the battlefield of politics.
Courage is, after all, the politician's
soldier's highest and most effective

gift. And this youth who carries the

war into the enemy's country—who

never thinks of leaving open lines of

retreat, who seems always ready to stake

everything on one cast of the dice—this

youth must go still farther. He has two

perils to his reaching the highest place.
He may overstrain his health and he
may be in too great a hurry."

Many people still think that Winston

Churchill was in too great a hurry

when he "rattled" from the Unionist

party, but, to use a vulgar expression,
he knew best on which side his bread

was buttered. The Unionist party had

at last come to the end of its tether and

Mr Churchill, longing for place and

power, could not contemplate sharing
with any degree of equanimity the fate

of Mr Balfour and his associates. The

cold shades of opposition had no

attractions for him. So he took the

plunge, crossed over to the other side

and obtained a higher office than he

could ever have hoped for or expected
among his former colleagues. He has
done very well so far. Will he last out?

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 15th Septem-
ber was delivered in London on the 14th
inst.The Phoenix Club are to hold their
first smoking concert of the season on
Saturday evening next.The October Criminal Sessions opens
on Monday at the Supreme Court, when
Mr Justice Gwynn will preside.Owing to the washing away of the
river bank, Shansi Point Beacon has
been removed 227 feet S. 80 degrees E.
(magnetic) further inland.The name of Mr Henry Staff Bennett,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been added to
the register of medical and surgical
practitioners qualified to practice medicine and
surgery in this Colony.A fog signal has been established at
Yessan Zaki lighthouse on the north side
of the east entrance to Tsupu Strait, and
it will give a double blast every fifty seconds
during thick or foggy weather.An examination, open to all qualified
natural born British subjects, for ap-
pointment in the Civil Service of India or
for Eastern Cadetships in the Colonial
Service, or for clerkships in the Home
Civil Service, is to take place in August
1909.The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to
acknowledge with thanks the following
donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Mr A. S. D. Censlad \$25, Hon. Mr E. A.
Irving \$5.The Board of Communications in
Peking have decided to compile a shipping
act in view of the increase of shipping in
Chinese waters. Instructions have already
been given to the Viceroy and governors
to send up a report on shipping in their
respective jurisdictions.The offerings in St. John's Cathedral
and the Peak Church on Sunday next, St.
Luke's Day, October 18th, will be given to
the funds of the Alice Memorial and
Netherdale Hospitals. The preacher in
the Cathedral at Midday will be the Rev.
A. Dallas Ennis, M.A., Chaplain to the
Forces.A challenge up with the following
inscription is on view at Messrs Wang
King's, Jewellers, Queen's Road Central.
"Football Challenge Cup, Amoy, China,
November 1908. Presented by the Im-
perial Chinese Government in commemora-
tion of the visit of the American battle-
ship fleet."Mr G. R. Shelton, the treasurer of the
Republican campaign fund, has made an
appeal for another \$500,000 to help Mr
Taft win the battle. Mr Andrew Carnegie
has responded with a cheque for \$20,000
and Mrs Russell Sage has sent \$10,000.
Although matters are still greatly con-
fused, Mr Taft appears to have a slightly
better chance than Mr Bryan.Mr A. Denison, M. Inst. C.E., of Hong-
kong, has reported to the Straits Legisla-
tive Council upon the Penang Hills Rail-
way condemning the railway and made
recommendations which practically amount
to re-construction, involving an expendi-
ture estimated at \$103,000. Mr Denison
adds that he has no doubt that if the
Penang Hill Railway were completed and
in working order, a settlement would soon
be built on the high levels which would be
a health resort for the Malay States.Mrs E. G. Jordan is responsible for
the concert which is to take place at the
Seamen's Institute, Kowloon, on Monday
evening, and all who have attended
previous concerts organised by Mrs Jordan
will know that Monday night's affair will
be a great success. Amongst those taking
part are—Mrs Chisham, Miss Parke, Mrs
Green, Capt. Park, Mr E. B. Ayres, Mr
P. W. Goldring, Mr F. T. Chaplin, Mr
W. W. Polling, Mr H. Bendall, Prof.
Wyder, and Mr Harvey, the one string
violinist.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

On promotion, Major H. Findlay, "The
Bulls," has been posted to the 2nd bat-
talion, now at Harbin, but under
orders for Hongkong, and he has just left
in the troopship *Sudan* in charge of 160
men of a draft which the home battalion
has furnished for the 2nd Battalion.On Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 1908, at H.B.M.
Consulate, Shanghai, before Sir Pellau
Warren and afterwards at the Union
Church by the Rev. C. E. Drwent, Hugh,
B. Cochran, Upper Yangtze Pilot, was
married to Mary, widow of the late Capt.
David Martin, s.s. *Tatang*, China Naviga-
tion Co.Lieutenant Ronald H. C. Hallifax has
been appointed navigating lieutenant of
the despatch ship *Alacrity* of the China
Squadron. Lieutenant Hallifax has served
for a little over six years in the navy and
recently qualified as "navigator," and for
some months has served in that capacity
aboard the ocean-going destroyer *Tattar*,
one of the swiftest of her type afloat.His Excellency the Governor has been
pleased to appoint Sergeant Lewis Charles
Rees and Mr William Russell to be 2nd
Lieutenants in the No. 2 Artillery Company,
and the Engineer Company, Hongkong
Volunteer Corps, respectively, with effect
from the 2nd inst., and Company Sergeant
Major John Ingram Andrew to be 2nd
Lieutenant in the same Corps, with effect
from the 12th inst.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

To-morrow is to be observed as Hospital
Sunday in the various Churches in the
Colony. Collections are in aid of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals and it is
hoped that contributions will be liberal.

S. S. HALLAN-STRANDED.

While the typhoon was raging on Sunday
evening at Hoibow, the s.s. Hallan was
blown on a sandbank and the vessel
sustained considerable damage. The
steamer is owned by Messrs A. H. Marty
and Co. About the same place a Chinese
gunboat is also stranded.A special meeting of the Sanitary
Board was held at noon to-day, for the
purpose of declaring No. 4 shed, Sassoon's
Villa, Pakinlum Road, to be infected with
foot and mouth disease.Mr Harry Lander, the well-known
comedian, received a command to give a
performance before the King at Rufford
Abbey on 11th September. A list of eight
songs had been submitted to His Majesty,
who solved the question of selection by
requesting Mr Lander to sing them all.
The performance lasted 70 minutes, and
the King appeared delighted, laughing
heartily.The High Court at Bombay has de-
livered judgment against the editor and
publisher of *The Mahatma*, who was charged
with contempt of court in an
article published on July 26th contain-
ing criticism of Mr Justice Davar's conduct
in the Tilk trial. The respondent's counsel
had declined to apologise and pleaded first
comment. The Chief Justice said that the
article plainly suggested that Tilk's con-
viction had been secured by Government
collusion with the judge, who by hints
to the Advocates-General and undue haste
had got round Tilk surreptitiously; and
that the judge had allowed only half an
hour for lunch on the last day so as to oc-
clude the case before the Indian Budget
debate in Parliament. The judge was re-
ferred to as a quack in a robe, and a glow
worm holding a torch to the sun. The
Chief Justice said the article was a scur-
rious abuse of a judge in his official ca-
pacity, made worse by defendant's defiant
attitude. He would be fined \$1,000 and
\$200 costs, to be imprisoned for 14 days
further, or until the fine and costs had
been paid and submission, and apology
made to the Court.SOME people are loth to believe that a
good liver oil preparation can be made
pleasant and agreeable in taste and yet
possess all the good medicinal qualities of
the oil, free from fat. A trial of this
grand tonic—Searns' Wine of Cod Liver
Oil—will convert the most skeptical.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN

AGREEMENT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, October 17.

The Foreign Office announces that
Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs, and Count Litsvolsky, the
Russian Minister, who is now in London,
have framed a most complete Anglo-
Russian Agreement.

THE MENTSZ RAILWAY.

LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED
THIS YEAR.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, October 11.

Information from Yunnan states
that the French are pushing forward
the completion of the Mentsz railway
and it is hoped that it will be com-
pleted by the end of this year.

THE TYPHOON AT AMOY.

TIME FOR FLEET PREPARA-
TIONS TO BE REPAIRED.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, October 16.

Although the typhoon has done
enormous damage to the sheds erected
for the reception of the American fleet,
it is thought there is ample time to
repair them for the occasion.THE REFORMATION OF
TIBET.EMPRESS DOWAGER IGNORES
DALAI LAMA'S SUGGESTIONS.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, October 16.

The Dalai Lama has been highly
favoured by dining with Their Imperial
Majesties at the Tsz Kwong Palace,
when he placed before the Empress
Dowager, a proposal for the reformation
of the Government of Tibet, and
suggested the early construction of the
railway.Her Majesty only inquired about the
journey he had recently taken and
advised him to take care of himself as
the cold weather was approaching.Two secretaries of the Dalai Lama,
having had a very good Russian
education, suspicion has been aroused
and an investigation of the matter is
intended.LIEUT.-COL. BROKE
BANQUETTED.The members of the Royal Hongkong
Yacht Club entertained Lieut.-Col. Broke,
R.N., the Rowing Captain of the Club, to
a farewell banquet on Friday evening, Mr
W. J. Potts presiding, with Mr C. H.
Gale as vice-chairman. In all patterns of
sport Lieut.-Col. Broke has been con-
spicuous, actively identifying himself with
its many branches in this Colony and it is
felt that the best wishes of his numerous
friends will go with him when he leaves
shortly by the transport.

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Hongkong, October 1, 1908.

THE EUROPEAN CRISIS.

TURKEY TO BE COMPENSATED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, October 17.

The International Conference has limited the recent violations of the Berlin treaty. The wishes of the Balkan States have been met and Turkey is to be compensated. The question regarding the Dardanelles has been excluded from the deliberations of the conference.

NEW MINISTER TO CHINA.

(Wah Tsai Pao's Service.)

Peking, October 16.

An Imperial Edict has been issued appointing Yu Shi-mai, at present investigating the German political system, to act as Chinese Minister to Germany. Sun Pao-ki, the present Minister, will return to China this month.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, October 15.

Replying to the address in the Montenegro parliament, the speaker in referring to Serbian affairs said that the time had come for Serbia and Montenegro to raise a common standard in defence of their rights, and to join forces in a holy war.

Germany and Austria in renewed representations to Bulgaria declare that the latter must obtain the consent of the Porte before settling claims in the matter of the Oriental railway dispute.

LATER.

M. Isvolsky, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, who has had daily prolonged conferences with Sir Edward Grey, has agreed that the question of the Dardanelles shall be arranged separately between Turkey and Russia with the benevolent assistance of Great Britain and France. Some compensation will probably be given to Serbia in the form of a guarantee of territory, and admission to the Danube commission.

LATER.

Great Britain, France, and Russia have agreed to submit a programme to a conference of the Powers, replacing the articles of the treaty of Berlin by new clauses recognizing the annexation of Bosnia, Herzegovina and Crete, the independence of Bulgaria, and determining the special obligations of Bulgaria and Greece towards Turkey in respect of Roumelia and Crete. The articles concerning Montenegro are to be replaced by a single clause removing all restrictions imposed on that Principality, the rights of the Danubian river States enlarged, and a declaration made in favour of abolishing the capitulations of foreign Port Offices in Turkey when the constitutional reforms shall have been introduced.

The question of the Dardanelles is to be reserved for negotiation between Russia and Turkey, on the basis of the right of passage of war ships according to Russia being also granted to any other Power at war with Russia.

A Foreign Office communiqué, confirming the above, adds that Sir Edward Grey and M. Isvolsky also discussed subjects arising out of the Anglo-Russian Convention at which complete identity of views were established, giving promise of a continuance of harmonious cooperation in the settlement of Central Asian questions.

LATER.

Turkey in a note to the Powers draws their attention to the military activity of Bulgaria and warns them that if Bulgaria persists in her attitude she will be reluctantly compelled to take precautionary measures, declining the responsibility of a conflict.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, October 15.

Advices from Seoul report that Chinese troops fired on the Japanese frontier post at Kuantao, followed by several hours fighting. Japan has demanded immediate satisfaction from Peking.

RHEUMATISM.

SOME little confidence has the average man in the various cures for rheumatism that he often suffers for years without making any effort to find relief. He then finds that it has become chronic. This is a mistake, as the pain can always be relieved, and in most cases a cure effected by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. It makes sleep and rest possible. For sale by all chemists and grocers.

RAMBLING NOTES.

Since I wrote last we have had another horrid dose of typhoon weather, with the stoppage of work on the harbour and elsewhere. And now the question is when are they going to stop. We have had enough for one season, I think, as your Time Post hinted to a certain Consul. By the way the Post had rather the best of you, Mr. Editor. You cut down his verses, but to drive away the typhoon! It was a case of a pen being almost as mighty as the X.1 monsoon.

The cricket match which was played at Kowloon last Saturday afternoon between the two water-front houses was a great success. Someone was mean enough to suggest that a special consignment of refreshments was forwarded earlier in the day. As it so happened such a precaution would have been both wise and thoughtful for the Hongkongites were storm-struck for the night. What a night it was. I mean the weather! Others might think I meant something else. Those who do, please note that two consignments can generally be credited to a meaning, and at that I will leave it.

The existence of our local Amateur Dramatic Club is certainly being kept well before the public just now, through the medium of the "Country Girl." (Mr. Editor, why so many free adverts? Can't help it, you say.) The next time you touch this subject please ask them to make up their minds quick, or might I suggest Kowloon or the Volunteer Camp as being good places for definite information. I don't know much about it myself but lady friends (they are generally up-to-date) told me that the first rehearsal of "The Country Girl" took place the other day. If it is to be "The Country Girl" with her sparkling musical numbers, then let us have it, for there are few in Hongkong who, given the chance, would care to miss the opportunity of enjoying a Country Girl!

On Tuesday afternoon I had occasion to cross over to Kowloon. In the late afternoon the typhoon signals were again hoisted, with the result that junks and sampans are once put up and made for Causeway Bay shelter. It was no easy task for the coxswain of the ferry launch to make his way through the dense mass of small craft. Looking westward the afternoon sun could just be seen shining, throwing up in bold relief the huge sails of the larger trading junks. The sight was one recalling many which I have seen—but the place was at home and the sails of the North Sea fishing fleet, outward bound, in the gentle breeze of the declining day.

The Volunteers go into camp to-day at Stonecutters. The advance brigade went over on Friday to prepare the tents and get the camp in order. I hear that the Ser. Major—the ever genial and portly Higby—gives home on holiday. Is it after long service or doctor's orders? He deserves the first, but surely it cannot be the latter. However, to make sure, just mention the fact, over a shandy, when visiting the camp.

While on the subject of volunteering I may as well give a yarn which fell into my hands sometime ago. It really has little to do with the subject, but there are many in the Volunteers who will appreciate, rather than resent, the following—Seated in a railway carriage, going to Liverpool Street, many very long, silver, a crusty old gentleman, and a younger man, who tells the story, and a soldier, who looked conscious of the fact that among the five medal ribbons on his breast there reposed the much-coveted piece of red ribbon, which denotes the possession of the Good Conduct medal. Presently the crusty one opened a conversation with the soldier by remarking: "Those medal ribbons on your breast make a brave show, but they are nothing. I suppose you are a sergeant, are you not?" "Yes," replied the soldier, nonchalantly, "we all got that for going without a day's leave when the transport broke down on Salisbury Plain last year."

It was a damp night at Kowloon on Thursday. Rain? Oh no. What then? Nothing, only the annual meeting of the Kowloon Cricket Club. Their dinner track was in great demand, so were the spare bikes lying about. It is unfair to the handiappers to train in the dark. Motto: "I'll never go there again"—till the next time.

Anticipation up-to-date! A boxing match which took place in Singapore on the 16th inst. was reported in the Colony on the 15th inst.

How fond American papers are of saying unkind things about their "Upper Ten," or of making the world-glad ones say unkind things about their "own set." I see that Mrs. William Astor, who is retiring from the leadership of New York society, has been made to declare that the manners of most of the members of the American Senate and House of Representatives are too uncouth to permit of their reception at the best houses. She also severely condemns the circus pranks adopted by a section of "smart society," entertainers. Mrs. Astor may privately entertain these ideas, but I don't mind betting she never "gave them, out for publication," to use a pet phrase of the United States free and independent press.

Now this is what I call doing things in the proper style. A Mr. Singer having piled up a big heap of the "needful" while working as a "Pittsburg steel magnate," has divided \$250,000 among his children in celebration of his golden wedding. Would that I had been a child of his!

I certainly am not much of a prophet so far as the typhoon is concerned. Only last Saturday I wrote hopefully of Hongkong's chances of securing the typhoon bonanza, for from the clouds which were returned at practice I was led to think that the shield was as good as won. Evidently I counted the chickens before they were hatched—with the usual result. They tell me that the shocking conditions were not at all favourable for high scoring. Whatever the cause Hongkong did not do herself justice. She ought to have done better. There is little satisfaction in knowing that we have lost, but there is less in knowing that we have lost the wooden spoon for one year! Still all the same we do not grudge Singapore her victory; her team, like all others engaged in the contest, was composed of sportsmen all.

THE RAMBLER.

"PHIL MAY."

There was a very large gathering at the European Y.M.C.A. on Friday evening when Mr. A. Bellamy Brown gave an interesting lecture on Phil May. The lecture was interspersed by numerous lantern slides, the lantern being ably manipulated by Mr. J. MacPherson, secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. S. Kingsbury presided.

"Phil May," said the lecturer, "was the greatest exponent of the art of humorous outline drawing of his day, and within the compass of his own particular degree of art, perhaps of any day. His humour arising from a keen appreciation of the wit and wisdom to be found lying behind the brazen frontality of the Australian larrikin or the unblushing and, as oft-times as not, quite unconscious impudence of the gutter-snipe, quickly mellowed in the keen alchemy of his original mind to the tones of Greek comedy, until not a trace of cynical bitterness remained. He laughed at his subject and not at him. His railway never wounded; his satire never stung. The most companionable of men, the most open-handed of mortals, he warmed both hands at the 'fire of life' while it lasted and sank to rest sincerely mourned by all who knew him. His career was short; mediocre in fact; but it left a remarkable legacy for future generations, a legacy of laughter mingled with tears. For none could convey the sense of genuine mirth-compelling humour in fewer lines than he; none could visualize better the fleeting humour of the streets of a great city; none could pourtray more sympathetically the poignant pathos which underlies so much of life."

The lecturer then detailed the early history of his subject, dwelling on the period when he joined the staff of "Punch" at the age of thirty, which was a very great honour indeed. In the hands of Phil May, a pen or pencil seemed to be transformed into a brush, so that instead of a hard unsympathetic black-and-white sketch, there was everything to suggest the softness of a painting, and that of the best. Phil May delighted to wear the cap and bells; but learners are so keen to laughter that many of his sketches are instinct with pathos. He saw not only the comic side of things, but knew the undercurrent of tragedy in the lives of the poor; he poked no fun at that. Different and all-unifying his subjects have been, Phil May must be regarded as the artist above all others of what we so lightly termed the "lower classes," and his work in that regard may be classed with that of Dickens in another but kindred branch of art. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer at the close.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.

The sixth ordinary general meeting of the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of Sir Paul Chater, this morning. Mr. W. H. Potts presided and there were present, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. P. C. Potts, Mr. De Silva and Mak Fak and the secretary Mr. E. J. Chapman.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting. The Chairman said:—Gentlemen:—With your permission we will take the report and accounts as read. The profit on working account though only some \$367.72 better than last year, is satisfactory considering the depressed state of all business in the Colony. In the early part of the year under review we had expected to show a balance of \$3,000, more, but our earnings have fallen off owing to the smaller receipts from shipping and the hotels. Private washing is about the same as last year. The buildings did not suffer very severely in the typhoon of 27th July, and the damage done, has not cost more than about \$500 to repair. Considering the enormous amount of damage done to property generally we think the Laundry was fortunate in getting off so cheaply. Now that our fixed assets will be reduced by the proposed writing off of \$8,557.35 to some \$4,000, below the Capital subscribed, we think that in future it will not be necessary to write off so largely, and if returns keep up we should be able to pay large dividends in future. Of course the actual depreciation of the machinery will have to be provided for. I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

No questions being asked the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. P. C. Potts seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. On the proposition of Mr. P. C. Potts seconded by Mr. De Silva, Sir Paul Chater was unanimously re-elected a director. Mr. A. O. D. Gordon was re-elected auditor on the motion of Mr. Mak Fak seconded by Mr. De Silva.

The Chairman:—That is all the business gentlemen; thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

The report was as follows:—The directors beg to submit their report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st May, 1908. The profit on working account amounted to \$19,836.08, and the balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$18,593.81, which the Directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:—Dividend, 8% on \$100,000, \$8,000.00. Write off machinery and plant, 4,672.19. Profit on buildings, 1,784.19. Carry forward to new account 236.40, total \$18,593.81.

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A DOMESTIC ACCOUNT.

M. Christie was summoned by the Sang Cheong firm for \$105.21 at the Supreme Court, to-day, for goods sold and delivered. The managing partner stated that his made entries in his books under the name of Maud. That was the defendant. He supplied her with goods and the balance due was \$105.47.

Cross-examined by Mr. Gardner—She sent her cook to open the account. She did not give any written order herself. The defendant went away in 1908 and he did not know that she had since been in the colony for over a year. He called her Mrs. Maud. His solicitor may have sent a letter to her addressed to Mrs. Christie.

Mr. Oke Kong Sing—The lady's name was Albert. It is now Christie.

A cook formerly employed by defendant in cross-examination stated. Sang Cheong was employed by the defendant and not by Mrs. Ida Clifford. Defendant was the mistress of the house No. 4 Old Bailey at the time. The other was only a lodger.

You were cook to Mr. Knobs?—Yes. You were dismissed for stealing?—No. I had not strength in my legs to walk so far and I resigned.

Mr. Gardner said the defendant obtained her provisions from the Dairy Farm and paid cash for whatever else she required.

Your name?—I have taken the name of Mrs. Christie for three years. I take Mrs. Lewis now.

What is your Christian name?—Maud does. I take Maud Lewis.

Do you know the Sang Cheong firm?—No. Have you had any dealings with them?—No.

Defendant denied having seen the plaintiff on her premises and declared that the last witness worked for Mrs. Clifford and a gentleman friend of defendant. The gentlemen were keeping her. She would not mention his name. She denied having instructed the last witness to open an account for her.

At the end of 1905 she took her food out, and the boy whom she had for years cooked any little thing she required.

Cross-examined—Now, Mrs. Christie—Mrs. Lewis is my name.

You are the defendant in this action?—Yes. You are rightly served as Mrs. Christie?—You are Mrs. Christie, are you not?—Yes, but I take Mrs. Lewis.

You are Mrs. Christie—but you choose to call yourself Mrs. Lewis?—Can you give any reason why this firm should sue you for this amount?—No.

You cannot explain why they should have your name on their books?—They have three or four names on the books—Your name was originally Mrs. Albert?—No.

Was that not your name when you came to Hongkong?—That was years ago. That was my stage name.

It is a queer approach to Maud!—Yes. Can you explain why this man sued you?—No.

It is a fraud?—Yes. Defendant admitted having sold the house in March 1906 and subsequently she went north.

Defendant called her boy who said that he never ordered any provisions from plaintiffs.

His Lordship said he accepted defendant's story that the goods were not supplied to her and gave judgment for defendant.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

Depart For Camp.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps went into camp at Stonecutters' Island this afternoon, for their annual sixteen days training.

The corps left Blake Pier at 2.45 p.m. and there were many people present to see them off. Reville will be landed at 5.15 p.m., about 6.45 p.m. first post at 9.30 p.m. and last post at 10 p.m. All lights have to be out by 10.15 p.m. Divine service will be held at noon to-morrow when the collection will be in aid of the hospitals. There will also be an inspection of the camp by the Commandant.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 17th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen since 11.55 a.m. and is falling moderately over N. China and the N. part of the Sea of Japan.

A depression is moving Eastwards over the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan, and is expected to be over the Pacific to the S.E. of the Lochnoos. The highest pressure is over China to the North of the Upper Yangtze.

Fresh N. to E.N. winds may be expected from the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

- 1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. winds, moderate; fair.
- 2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh.
- 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lanchow: N.E. winds, moderate.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

Many new films have been received by the proprietors of the Victoria Cinema, and include, "The modern Faust," "Gambler for a woman," "The darling of a plotter" and "The Kamelia Dancé."

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Scrubble before the Wind, by Mrs. Campbell Read. The Sacred Herb, by Fergus House. The Crowned Stail, by An Old Allegiance, by Hubert Wales. Shores, by L. F. Benson.

The Woman who Wowed, by Lilian Harding. Result of an Accident, by Beatrice Whitby. A Pawn in the Game, Rev. W. H. Fitchett. The Green Mummy, by Fergus House. The Suspicious of Remington, by Maxwell Gray.

Blood Royal, by Maud Arnold. Mr. Gluttenbeck's Election, by H. Belloc. The Methods of Mr. Ames, by the Author of "John Jones."

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